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From the W. Union.

### The Question of Territory on the Pacific.

We transfer to our columns with much pleasure the following article from the Baltimore American. Many of its views are conceived in the true American spirit. It comprehends that vast commercial and territorial future, now opening up our country, which has taken fast hold of the anticipations and the convictions of the people, and which they will never consent either to suspend or impair at the bidding of party spirit, or in subservience to its purposes. Without pronouncing any opinion as to the future influence of any particular section of our country upon its future destinies, we cordially approve the views set forth in this article of the vast results of national growth and expansion, which, under Providence, our present policy is fast maturing.

We cannot but contrast these sentiments and this language in the columns of a leading waging journal, with the whole spirit and the avowed policy of the speech in which the Whig Chief at Lexington has recently summed his followers in Congress and out of Congress to the political arena. How utterly has Mr. Clay failed to rise to the "height of the great argument" which lay before him, when, failing alike the great natural features of the Pacific slope of the North American continent and reversing altogether the rightful position of our enemies and ourselves, he protests in the following gloomy tones against the acquisition by us of any indemnity from Mexico in the only form in which his payment would be a substantial advantage (rather than an injury) to her, and an incalculable benefit at once to us as a nation, in the future dwellings in the territory we should acquire, and to the progress of Civilization and Liberty throughout the world!

We do not want the mists, the mountains, and the steely lands of Mexico. To her, the loss of them would be humiliating, and be a perpetual source of vexation and mortification. To us, they might prove a fatal acquisition, producing distraction, dissension, division, possibly disunion. Let, therefore, the integrity of the national existence and national territory of Mexico remain undisturbed. For one I desire to see no part of her territory torn from her by war!

It is to carry a policy like this into effect, that Mr. Clay has come forth from his retirement to denounce his country. It is to this end that he has called upon Congress to declare the "subjects and purposes of the war." He invokes national legislation at once to convict us of national falsehood against our enemy, to sacrifice our just rights, and to stay the onward march of our institutions and our power. We are glad to perceive that not the least influential portion of the whig press ventures openly to rebuke and refute him.

From the Baltimore American.

The Edinburgh Review does not article of some length to the subject of American institutions. Its errors are numerous, and some of its speculations as far-fetched as its facts are imperfect. The general tone of the discussions, however, is a somewhat in contrast with the old style of British comments on American affairs. The truth is beginning to be comprehended in Europe, that the United States at that moment is one of the first powers in the world, with a family of progress and resources of strength which indicate a coming future of a most extraordinary and wonderful character.

The Review calls us the "great republic," the "proudest and most irritable nation on earth"; it declares that the easiest observer "gazes with admiration and awe on the portentous fabric of American greatness." It indulges, indeed, in mitigating that the unity of the republic will, by and give way—an apprehension which its own analysis of our political hist. is far from dispelling. Referring to the divided interests and hostile feelings which have sometimes existed between the north and a southern antagonism, the Review remarks that a collision was presented by the introduction of the Missouri Compromise, and that adds "this third and powerful element kept the others together in compulsory harmony."

This fact, once recognized, should not be lost sight of. Observers, both at home and abroad, may note it with advantage, if they would form a just idea of this grand nationality of ours, which is now assuming the form and proportions adapted to its grand outlines. Let us not be misled by the phraseology of the present day. What we have been in the habit of calling "the West," is really the central region of the United States—central in relation to the full measure of our national basis. The Atlantic States, when the germs of empire were first planted—the Atlantic States, which first grew to maturity, which have long held the control of government, and given shape to its policy, must prepare to see the scepter pass over the Alleghenies.

The Mississ. valley bows north or south. The great river comprehend both extremes, and binds together by its own unity. It has its birth and its west, which it regard equal favor, because they hold the gates of access to the Atlantic on the one hand, and the Pacific on the other.

Let us familiarize ourselves to this great idea. The Mississippi valley is to constitute the body of our nationality. In its essential unity, we find the guarantee of national energy; in its greatness, the assurance of national greatness; its vast extent gives security against sectionalism—for its own predominance is sure, and every portion of the public will be prosperous or otherwise, in proportion as it draws the elements of wealth and strength from its teeming resources.

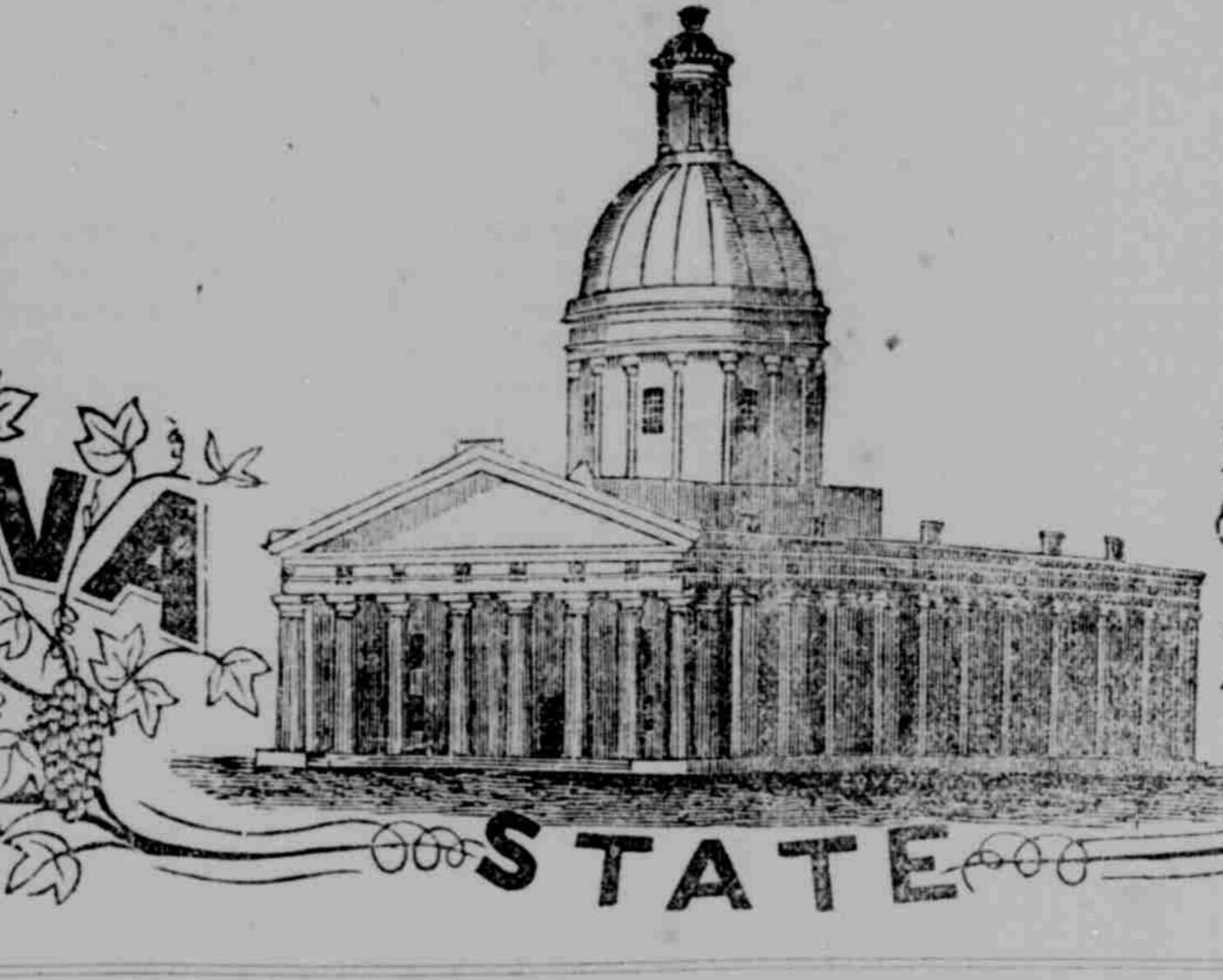
With this great fact once acknowledged and made the central point from which to view other matters pertaining to our political and territorial relations, we are possessed with the belief that an intelligible guide of opinions might be found, and an easy solution obtained for many very perplexing problems.

With this great fact, for example, what is to be adopted, to determine how much the national interests require us to retain of the region in that quarter already in our hands, and which is ours by the right of war and occupancy, if we see fit to keep it? How much? A part of ours on the Bay of San Francisco? It is said that we need, for the accommodation of our whalers. Let us ask one question—is it likely that the people of the Mississippi Valley, whose friends and relatives have gone to California, and who are looking to the Pacific, just as the dwellers on the Upper Ohio are looking to the Atlantic, for the extension of their commercial relations—is it likely that they will seek to retrace the harbor of San Francisco by the way of Boston, New Bedford, or Nantucket?

It is to a man a matter of conjecture, merely, that the commerce of the East Indies, China, and Japan, with their hundreds of millions of inhabitants, will be conducted by us, in time, and before a very long time, to the Pacific coast of the United States. The means of communication from Oregon, overland, to the Atlantic, by way of the Columbia, the Missouri, and the Ohio, and from California by the valley of the Rio Grande, already foreseen the future course of the trade with Eastern Asia and the rest of the commercial world. This must not be over looked.

In view of the great revolution thus plainly indicated, is it the true policy of our statesmen, at this day, to lose sight of the mighty events and interests connected with such a revolution—to lose sight of that expansive field, already open to the dizzied eye, and confine our sole commercial policy, in respect to its accommodation on the Pacific Ocean, to the possession of our harbor for the benefit of our whale?

The question, however, as to the extent of our permanent acquisitions in California, may be argued perhaps, as already settled. That region is now in our possession. There are Americans enough in California, residents there, or intending to be residents, to hold the country. They will probably do so. We may presume that it will never again come under the authority of Mexico.



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